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| 6. | Metronidazole . . . | (i) Unichem<br>(ii) Unique Chemical<br>(iii) Metroni Drugs | @ 516 dated 14-9-92 |
| 7. | Trimethoprim . . . | (i) Burroughs Wellcome<br>(ii) Standard Organics<br>(iii) German Remedies<br>(iv) Inventa Chemical | 1532 dated 28-7-93 |
| 8. | Hydroxy Ethyl Thepohylline (HET) | (i) German Remedies<br>(ii) Fairdeal Corpn. | 606 dated 22-7-93 |

*As 2/3rd of the demand of this Bulk drug is met through imports, the formulation prices are fixed on the basis of weighted average cost of imported material viz. Rs. 448.78/- Kg.

@However, the formulation price was fixed at a lower price of Rs. 502/- Kgs.

**Fabulous Prices of Formulations**

4865. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3049 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd December, 1993 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that small scale sector units in respect of category-II formulations and organised sector and small scale sector in respect of decontrolled formulations are printing fabulous prices and are taking substantial mark ups;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is monitoring the prices of formulations; if so, what are the names of products where more than 200 per cent MAPE is being charged;

(c) whether is it also a fact that cost audit reports show this practice prominently; if so, what steps have been taken to stop such overcharging;

(d) whether it is also a fact that several organised sector units have transferred their brands to small scale sector units to wriggle out of price control and

(e) if so, the names of products and the companies which have transferred their brands and their present prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The small scale sector units are subject to price control only with respect to the formulations containing bulk drugs under Schedule I of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. There are a very large number of formulations in different pack sizes and dosage forms. Monitoring of prices of medicines that are not under price control is therefore done on selected basis.

(d) and (e) Licensing of brand names by organised sector companies to manufacturers in the unorganised sector does not ipso-facto imply that such products are exempt from price regulations.

**Price of Diclofenac Sodium formulations**

4866. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of Diclofenac Sodium formulations have been reduced based on the market rate of Diclofenac Sodium.

(b) when was the price of each furmulation reduced and what is the earlier price and reduced price and on what rate of the bulk drug it is based;

(c) whether it is a fact that reduction in the prices of the formulations have been effected without reducing the notified price of the bulk drug under DPCO, 1987 whereas in case of Ranitidine where there is no notified price the Ministry is waiting to reduce the price of formulations after the bulk drug price is notified; and

(d) what are the reasons for discriminatory actions and whether it is a fact that producers are bribing the bureaucrats ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) In fixation/revision of prices of the formulations, based on Diclofenac Sodium in regard to which applications were received, a price of Rs. 1125/- per kg. for the bulk drug has been adopted on the basis of available information.

Details asked for are as follows :

| Sl. No. | Name of the formulation | Pre-revised Retail Price including Excise Duty | Approved/ Revised Retail Price including Excise Duty | Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jonac Inj. 3 ml Amp. | — | 2.35 | 14-1-1994 |
| 2. | Jonac 50mg Tab. (10's Strip) (Enteric coated) | — | 3.51 | |
| 3. | Jonac Plus Tabs. (10's Strip) (Diclofenac Sod. 50mg+Paracetamol 500mg. (Enteric Coated) | — | 5.83 | |
| 4. | Zabil Inj. (Vet—30ml. vial (Diclofenac Sod. 25mg/ml) | — | 10 70 | 4-2-1994 |
| 5. | Zobil Gel 30gm —Tabs. (Diclofenac Diethyl amonium Sulphate 1.16%) | — | 8.90 | |
| 6. | Voveran 50mg. 10's Strip | 6 29 | 3 58 | 14-1-1994 |
| 7. | Voveran 6R Tab. 10's Strip | 11.86 | 4.30 | |

(c) and (d) Fixation/revision of prices of formulations based on Diclofenac Sodium was considered in cases where applications were recieved from the manufacturers. Accordingly the question of anyy discrimination does not arise.

**Jobs to Bhopal Gas Victims**

4867. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a special Industrial area was declared by the Central Government to provide jobs to Bhopal gas victims;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have agreed to provide Rs. 14 crores for implementing the scheme;

(c) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government had prepared 300 sheds for the purpose;

(d) whether the Scheme could not be implemented because the Centre did not provide the promised amount;

(e) if so, what were the main reasons for not providing the Central assistance so far; and

(f) whether the State Government has been urging the Union Government to provide assistance as they had already invested crores of rupees for preparing sheds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (f) A five year action plan for providing relief and rehabilitation to the Bhopal gas leak disaster victims is under implementation from 1-4-90. While approving the plan, the Government decided that individual based schemes such as providing ex-gratia relief etc. should not be included since all the affected persons would individually get compensation. Therefore, the emphasis should be on community based schemes for improving medical and health care, living conditions and providing facilities for vocational training. For this purpose, the Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted a seven year action plan, which included development of special industrial area as part of economic rehabilitation.

The proposal of setting up a special industrial area was not approved since it did not